

**Forest Land-Gadchiroli**

**Diversion of 7.7754 ha. Forest Land under section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for laying of underground slurry pipeline along the road within RoW of existing road from Hedri to Konsari in Etapalli, Chamorshi & Mulchera Tehsil of District Gadchiroli in the State of Maharashtra.**

**Government of Maharashtra  
Revenue and Forest Department  
Government Order No.: FLD-36A23/CR.237/F-10  
Mantralaya, Mumbai-400 032  
Date:- 13.12.2023**

**Reference:-**

- 1) Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi, Letter No.F.No.8-31/2005-FC, dt. 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2007.
- 2) Regional Office, MoEF&CC, GoI, Nagpur raised query on Parivesh Portal on 23.11.2023.
- 3) Govt. of Maharashtra even number letter dtd. 10.11.2023.
- 4) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, MS, Nagpur Letter No. Desk-17/ FCA-S1 /PID-429740/Gadchiroli/1211, dt. 19.07.2023.

**Preamble:-**

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, MS, Nagpur has submitted a proposal for diversion of 7.7754 ha. Forest Land under section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for laying of underground slurry pipeline along the road within RoW of existing road from Hedri to Konsari in Etapalli, Chamorshi & Mulchera Tehsil of District Gadchiroli in the State of Maharashtra, vide letter under ref. no.4.

Although the proposal is submitted under ROW, the a part of the slurry pipe partially falls in the already diverted area of the original Surajgarh iron ore mining project, for which diversion order was issued vide GOI letter No. 8-31/2005/FC, dated- 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2007. Therefore proposal was submitted to Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur for the further action, vide letter under ref. no. 3.

Now, MoEF&CC, GoI, Nagpur has conveyed through PARIVESH as follows:-

“This proposal is regarding slurry pipeline and can be dealt as per Para 4.2 of the Guidelines.....From the proposal and its forwarding it is not clear whether the proposal has been under 4.2 of Guidelines or not. In view of the above, the State Government may please examine the proposal under 4.2 and in case it is not falling within its competency as per para 4.2 of the Guidelines (and scenario 1(a) of PARIVESH 2.0 then forward to this Ministry”.

Therefore, the Government of Maharashtra has examined the proposal under 4.2 and is issuing the following Government decision.

**Order:-**

In exercise of powers under general approval given by MoEF&CC, Govt. of India vide Handbook of FCA Guidelines-2019, Chapter 4 (para-4.2), Government of Maharashtra is pleased to grant '**In-Principle**' approval to the diversion of 7.7754 ha. Forest Land under

section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for laying of underground slurry pipeline along the road within RoW of existing road from Hedri to Konsari in Etapalli, Chamorshi & Mulchera Tehsil of District Gadchiroli in the State of Maharashtra.

The details of Forest Land proposed for diversion are as under:-

Sr. No.	Division	Beat	Name of Village	New Comp. No.	Survey No / Gut No.	Length in Mtr.	Width in Mtr.	Area in Ha.	Legal Status
1	Bhamragarh	Chandanweli	Chandan-weli	SE 357	64, 80, 130	2494	1	0.2494	RF/PF
	Bhamragarh			SE 355	300	310	1	0.0310	RF/PF
2	Bhamragarh	Geda	Geda	SE 352	287, 288, 323, 300	1977	1	0.1977	RF/PF
	Bhamragarh			SE 353	93, 64	1883	1	0.1883	RF/PF
	Bhamragarh			SE 354	1, 34, 307	2444	1	0.2444	RF/PF
3	Bhamragarh	Tamda	Doddi M	SE 351	4, 38	868	1	0.0868	RF/PF
4	Bhamragarh	Tamda	Doddi S	SE 370	62	684	1	0.0684	RF/PF
	Bhamragarh			SE 367		1311	1	0.1311	RF/PF
	Bhamragarh			SE 368		894	1	0.0894	RF/PF
	Bhamragarh			SE 366	132	920	1	0.0920	RF/PF
	Bhamragarh			SE 365		1644	1	0.1644	RF/PF
5	Bhamragarh	Todsa	Alenga M	SE 372	51	654	1	0.0654	RF/PF
	Bhamragarh	Tamda		SE 370		242	1	0.0242	RF/PF
6	Bhamragarh	Todsa	Todsa	SE 372	82,22,87, 103, 102	1837	1	0.1837	RF/PF
7	Bhamragarh	Tamda	Petha (S)	SE 270	6	609	1	0.0609	RF/PF
	Bhamragarh				19	544	1	0.0544	RF/PF
	Bhamragarh	Petha		SE 269		805	1	0.0805	RF/PF
	Bhamragarh				46	2338	1	0.2338	RF/PF
8	Bhamragarh	Bande	Bande	SE 273	12	3794	1	0.3794	RF/PF
	Bhamragarh		Block	SE 197	-	689	1	0.0689	RF/PF
	Bhamragarh		Forest	SE 198		1864	1	0.1864	RF/PF
9	Bhamragarh		Hedri	SE 275	101	1076	1	0.1076	RF/PF
	Bhamragarh			SE 274		797	1	0.0797	RF/PF
The total proposed area involved in Bhamragarh Forest Division (A)									3.0678
1	Allapalli	Konsari	Konsari	207		667	1	0.0667	RF
2	Allapalli	Konsari	Raipur	763	26, 20, 28	649	1	0.0649	RF
3	Allapalli	Konsari		189		1510	1	0.151	RF
4	Allapalli	Konsari		190		2053	1	0.2053	RF
5	Allapalli	Bahadurpur		193		2187	1	0.2187	RF
6	Allapalli	Bahadurpur		194		2071	1	0.2071	RF
7	Allapalli	Bahadurpur		195		792	1	0.0792	RF
8	Allapalli	Thakurnagar 2	Tumdi		40, 39, 38, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16	1498	1	0.1498	PF
9	Allapalli	Thakurnagar 2	Thakur-nagar	1533	211	2223	1	0.2223	PF
10	Allapalli	Thakurnagar 2		529		1373	1	0.1373	RF
11	Allapalli	Thakurnagar 2		530		1427	1	0.1427	RF
12	Allapalli	Thakurnagar 1	Metegu-arith	365		1343	1	0.1343	RF
13	Allapalli	Thakurnagar 1	Metegu-darith	533		1391	1	0.1391	RF
14	Allapalli	Ghot 1	Ghot	850	31	2294	1	0.2294	RF
15	Allapalli	Ghot 1	Nikatwada	850	201, 202	286	1	0.0286	RF

16	Allapalli	Ghot 1	Nawegaon		135, 136	272	1	0.0272	PF
17	Allapalli	Ghot 1		549		953	1	0.0953	RF
18	Allapalli	Makepalli		550		1034	1	0.1034	RF
19	Allapalli	Potepalli Patch	Potepalli Patch	551	29	1235	1	0.1235	RF
20	Allapalli	Potepalli Ry	Potepalli Ry	880	11	153	1	0.0153	RF
21	Allapalli	Potepalli	Makepalli Chek no. 3	563	78,77	2326	1	0.2326	RF
22	Allapalli	Fusguda 2		560		2137	1	0.2137	RF
23	Allapalli	Fusguda 2		559		1414	1	0.1414	RF
24	Allapalli	Fusguda 2		558		2499	1	0.2499	RF
25	Allapalli	Deoda 1	Dewda	481	28	5214	1	0.5214	RF
26	Allapalli	Hetalkasa		477		2289	1	0.2289	RF
27	Allapalli	Hetalkasa	Hetalkasa	1875, 1878	9, 56, 48, 46	2335	1	0.2335	RF
28	Allapalli	Bolepalli	Bolepalli	470	41, 262, 19, 91, 86	2709	1	0.2709	RF
29	Allapalli	Pulligudam		462		742	1	0.0742	RF
<b>The total proposed area involved in Allapalli Forest Division (B)</b>								<b>4.7076</b>	
<b>The total proposed area involved in Bhamragarh &amp; Allapalli Forest Division (A+B)</b>								<b>7.7754</b>	

**2. This 'In-principle' approval is issued subject to the following conditions:-**

- 1) The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged.
- 2) Proposed area is part of the tiger corridor as per the report of the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) in the Eastern Vidarbha Landscape; therefore user agency shall obtain the statutory wildlife clearance and ensure compliance of mitigation measures as suggested by the PCCF (Wildlife).
- 3) Working permission can be granted after the wildlife clearance is obtained by the user agency from competent authority.
- 4) The concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests shall certify that the laying of underground slurry pipeline from Hedari to Konsari is within the RoW of the existing roads and the slurry pipeline will not lead to already diverted Surajgad Iron Ore Mine ( Sr. No. / C.No. SE 270, SE 269, SE 273, SE 197, SE 198). In that case, the actual area of diversion will be reduced by the quantum falling within the already diverted area. Therefore it will be mandatory to submit reduced area of diversion, as revised Part-1, Part-2, Part-3, site inspection Report, Maps, KML File and all other relevant certificates and documents should be submitted, along with Stage-I compliance.
- 5) The concerned Conservator of Forests and Deputy Conservator of Forests shall ensure that the proposed area is not included in the area diverted for Surjagad Mining Project and if some area of the proposed area has already been diverted for Surjagad Mining Project, the proposal for re-diversion of that area shall be submitted to the Central Government for approval.
- 6) User agency/ Deputy Conservator of Forests will certify that the proposal is a standalone project.
- 7) Prior to the commencement of work the user agency shall submit a revised Part-I, wherein it is mentioned that, an underground slurry pipeline from Hedri to Konsari is

within RoW of the existing road and the slurry pipeline will not be laid in area already diverted for Surajgarh iron ore mines.

- 8) User Agency shall submit the Record of Rights of proposed land, along with Stage-I compliance.
- 9) The concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests shall ensure legal status of proposed Forest land, prior to the commencement of work.
- 10) User Agency shall defray the cost of plantation (including ten years maintenance) of 1000 trees shall be levied from the User Agency towards Compensatory Afforestation. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species along with 10% RET species of Gadchiroli District shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided. Details of land proposed for Plantation (Record of Rights & KML File), shall be submitted before Stage-II/Final approval.
- 11) All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal(<http://parivesh.nic.in/> )
- 12) The Slurry Pipeline will be laid within maximum size of the trench of 2.00 meters depth & 1.00 meter width with cable line under the PVC Pipeline.
- 13) Slurry pipeline will not have any inter limitations strictly in the forest area which goes beyond 1 meter width proposed.
- 14) If bank guarantee is not submitted with concern Road Authority (NHAI/MSRDC/PWD/ZP), the agency shall submit a bank guarantee at the rate of Rs.50/- per running meter and an undertaking to that effect shall also be submitted. If the agency fails to reclaim the land to the satisfaction of concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests, the cost for reclamation will be covered from the bank guarantee.
- 15) If the Slurry Pipeline is going to be laid in the formation width of the road, then additional charges in form of bank guarantee shall be given at the rate of Rs.35/- per running meter. Similarly for reclamation of side drain and for tarred portion, the guarantee will be at the rate of Rs.300/- per meter and Rs.750/- per meter respectively. An undertaking shall be obtained from the User Agency that it has agreed to make good any loss to Forest/ Environment while laying the Slurry Pipeline in the forest area and during maintenance of the same in future.
- 16) For further maintenance of the project, the agency shall obtain permission from the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests as and when required.
- 17) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than specified in the proposal.
- 18) No felling of trees shall be done during the implementation of project.
- 19) No new forest area beyond the Right of Way of existing road should be broken for laying Slurry Pipeline.
- 20) The User Agency shall pay the cost of additional Net Present Value, if required in future.
- 21) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.

- 22) After completion of the project, User Agency will reclaim the area under RoW suitably.
  - 23) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the State Government.
  - 24) This sanction is subject to the final clearance by the concerned PWD authorities for the project.
  - 25) The User Agency shall compensate the private owners of forest land if any, in accordance with the prevalent laws, rules & guidelines.
  - 26) The User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
  - 27) All other conditions as may be mandatory under relevant Acts, Rules and Guidelines shall be complied by the User Agency.
  - 28) All the conditions stipulated by the Forest Department shall be binding on User Agency.
  - 29) The User Agency shall make good of any loss to Forest / Environment.
  - 30) All necessary approvals required for the project as per the prevailing laws of the land would be obtained by User Agency.
  - 31) Any breach of the conditions by the User Agency will be treated as violation of the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
3. This Government Order is available at the Government of Maharashtra's website [www.maharashtra.gov.in](http://www.maharashtra.gov.in) with reference No. 202312131757149019. This Order has been signed digitally.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra

**(Ganesh Jadhao)**  
**Under Secretary to the Government of Maharashtra**

**Copy to:-**

1. Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi
2. Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur.
3. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Maharashtra State, Nagpur.
4. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, M.S., Nagpur
5. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & CEO (Maha-CAMPA), M.S., Nagpur
6. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Conservation), M.S., Nagpur
7. Collector, Gadchiroli.

8. Chief Executive Officer, Zilha Parishad, Gadchiroli.
9. Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Gadchiroli.
10. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bhamragarh / Allapalli.
11. M/s. Lloyds Metals & Energy Ltd., Konsari, Gadchiroli.
12. Select File (F-10)